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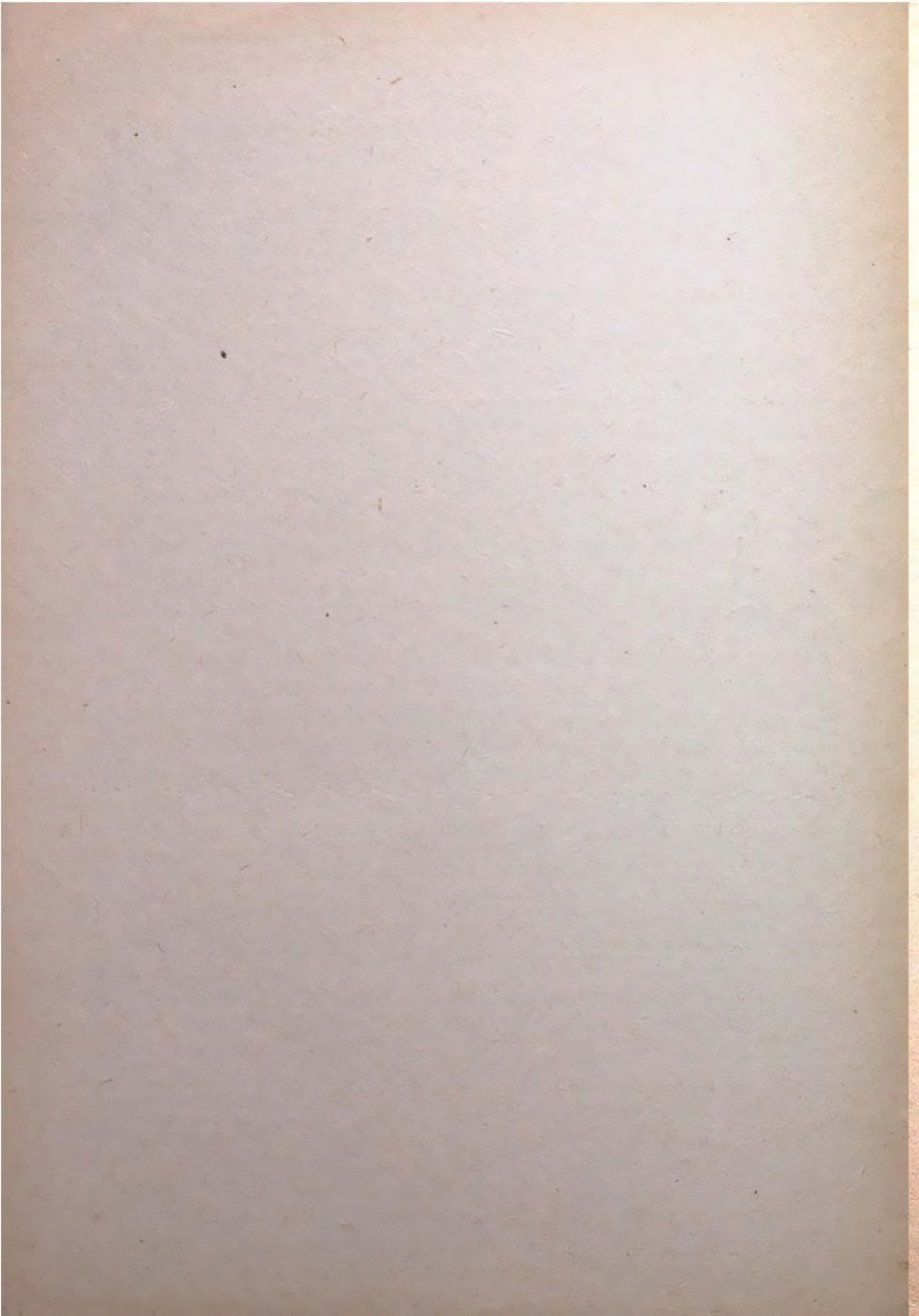
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STATEMENT

In Iran, Comrade Nureddin Kiyanuri, First Secretary, many other leaders and members of the fraternal party TUDEH were arrested. Two weeks have been past since then. Leaders of TUDEH are faced with false and untestified accusations.

This attack against TUDEH is the beginning of a new American plot which is prepared to draw the revolution of Iran from its anti-imperialist direction and to drown it. Reagan Administration had put into operation a new aggressive plan in last January which foresees to use Deployment Forces of 200 thousand in military operations directed to 19 Near East countries, including Iran. The main enemy of the Iranian Revolution is the US imperialism. In a period in which such machinations have been intensified, such arrests give harm to Iranian Revolution.

TUDEH has made big contributions to the revolution in Iran since the beginning and waged a selfless struggle in line with the interests of the people. TUDEH has played a great role in obtaining the solidarity of international forces of peace and progress with Iranian Revolution. Every onslaught directed against this glorious party of the Iranian working class and working people is directly aiming at the Iranian Revolution.

Communists and patriotic forces in Turkey know very well the inside story of these vulgar, anti-Soviet type of so-called "espionage" accusations directed towards TUDEH. The aim of such lies in our country have always been justified the onslaught of imperialism and reaction, especially to torpedo the relations between Turkey and the Soviet Union and other socialist countries. The remnants of SAVAK and CIA agents who increase their actions want to undermine and isolate Iran from its most reliable allies, through accusations.

The arrest of Comrade Kiyanuri and other Iranian revolutionaries has created a profound indignation among the friends of the Iranian Revolution in our country. But who supports such arrests in our country? These people, naturally are not the friends of the Iranian revolution. The reactionary, pro-imperialist press who supports the crimes of the reactionary military administration against the people in our country sees in these arrests a setback of the Iranian revolution and does not hide its joy.

Everyone knows that the military administration in Turkey follows a hypocritical policy towards Iran. This administration is longing for to bring back the days in which Turkey together with the Shah in CENTO had been a striking force of the US imperialism against the peoples of Islamic countries. Attempts to unite Turkey directly or indirectly together with Israel and reac-

tinary Arab regimes in a new military bloc verify this opinion. All these attempts are connected with the aim of the USA to regain its lost positions in Iran.

Those circles which support the arrest of TUDEH leaders are not different from those who ratified the US Rapid Deployment Force to use our soil, who with this aim, set up and enlarged eleven air bases. Communist Party of Turkey continuously exposes the plans for use of the Turkish army in an onslaught against Iran and Persian Gulf.

Moreover, reactionary military administration which was supported by those who feel joy in this anti-communist campaign, allowed the counter-revolutionary Shah-remnants and SAVAK agents to base themselves in the eastern part of our country. It enabled them in their actions aiming to topedeo the Iranian Revolution.

We, the communists of Turkey, want to believe that the forces who desire to maintain the Iranian Revolution in an anti-imperialist course, will evaluate real facts in a cool manner. The CPT who has fraternal ties with TUDEH, with all its strength, will thwart back the onslaughts directed against the Iranian revolution from the soil of Turkey. The solidarity with TUDEH and the people of Iran is an indispensable task for all patriotic forces in our country. The CPT demands the release of Comrade Kiyanuri and all other TUDEH leaders and members at once.

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*Central Committee
Communist Party of Turkey*

SPEECH MADE ON BEHALF OF THE CC OF THE CPT, AT A MEETING ON THE OCCASION OF 100. BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY OF M. SUPHI

The working class and toiling people of Turkey, international communist and workers' movement commemorate the heroic son of our people, Mustafa Suphi, in his 100 birthday anniversary.

Mustafa Suphi is the founder of the Communist Party of Turkey, its first Chairman, a fervent patriot and a leading militant of the world communist movement.

Mustafa Suphi was born in Giresun on February 7, 1983. The great revolutionary who thought nothing else but national and social liberation of his people was murdered together with other 14 leaders of our party, by brutal plans of the reactionary bourgeoisie, on the night of January 29, 1921.

I.

The CPT and the working class commemorate the 100. birthday anniversary of Mustafa Suphi, in the same year of 100. death and 165. birthday anniversary of Karl Marx. Karl Marx relieved socialism being an utopia, founded historical and dialectical materialist philosophy, Marxist political economy and scientific communism, the revolutionary theory of the working class. He, together with Engels combined socialism with the workers' movement, established the international unity of the working class and the first proletarian party. V. I. Lenin enriched the Marxist doctrine with his determining contributions in all fields. He raised Marxism to a new level in the imperialist stage of capitalism. Lenin put forward the organisational principles of a party of new type, the Leninist party. He was the leader of the Great October Socialist Revolution and founder the Soviet state, He laid theoretical and practical foundations of socialist construction. Fraternal communist parties and above all, the CPSU creatively developed Marxism-Leninism. Leninism is the Marxism of the age of transition from capitalism to socialism.

Mustafa Suphi is the leader of those who first introduced the doctrine of Marx, Engels and Lenin to the working class of Turkey, united the working class under the banner of Marxism- Leninism and proletarian internationalism. Mustafa Suphi fulfilled great tasks in the struggle for carrying away the ideals of Great October Socialist Revolution to the Moslem peoples of the East. He announced that the suppressed people of the East and the proletariat of the West can reach to victory by cooperating with the Soviet Russia. The working class of Turkey does not separate the name of M. Suphi who was the follower of Marx, Engels and Lenin, from the name of these great leaders.

M. Suphi gained unprecedentedly rich experiences of political struggle in his such a short life. His arrival at Marxist-Leninist positions did happened not by chance. Maturation of his political personality is closely connected with the processes of social and economic development in the country and in the revolutionary atmosphere created by unequal changes in the international arena. He joined the struggle as a revolutionary democrat leader against Ottoman despotism, feudalism and colonialism. By his superior capability, and deep culture, under the influence of 1905 revolution in Russia, he could perceive that 1908 bourgeois revolution in Turkey was not people's revolution. He combined the criticism of "Jön Türk" revolution with the revolutionary experience of Bolsheviks during the years while he was in exile in Tsarist Russia and with the Leninist theory. At this time, the Great October Socialist Revolution which opened a new age, gained victory. So that, the world was divided into two camps as socialist and capitalist. Mustafa Suphi was placing the future of his own country in this new world. He strongly criticizes the anti-popular policy of the "İttihat ve Terakki" Party and others who speak on behalf of the people, but in reality only deceive them. He followed the Leninist idea on the necessity of a proletarian party armed with revolutionary theory for liberation of the working class and toiling people. Mustafa Suphi clearly understood the real face of militarism and of imperialist wars which make people to kill each other. He with a strong belief held the ideal that socialism brings peace for the humanity and the imperialism can be bridled by the internationalist unity of working classes of all countries and suppressed people.

The short life of Mustafa Suphi after that was devoted to the victory of the

working class and liberation of people by means of Leninist ideals and the Communist Party of Turkey which was founded by him. He took part in defence of Great October Socialist revolution with arms in hand. He fulfilled great tasks for triumph of national liberation movement. In this honourable struggle, Mustafa Suphi gave his life, the life which was devoted for a happy future of his people.

The party founded by Mustafa Suphi did not dropped the banner raised by him but raised it and is raising it further up.

II.

Since the day which Mustafa Suphi raised the banner of Marxism-Leninism in our country, deep changes took place in the life of humanity.

50 years ago, in the Second World War flared up by fascism which took power in Germany, the Soviet Union had blown a stroke onto war machine of Hitler. In series of countries peoples democracies gained victory. Socialism became a world system. Previous colonies achieved independence and colonial system of imperialism was totally collapsed. The historical initiative was passed over to the forces of world revolutionary process in which at the centre was the existing socialist system and above all, the Soviet Union. Today, existing socialist system, workers' movement in capitalist countries, national liberation movements are gaining new successes. General crisis of capitalism deepens further.

Important changes took place also in own country of Mustafa Suphi. Revolutionary process in Turkey developed along an unequal and contradictory path. After the national liberation war, as the collaborating bourgeoisie, step by step gained strength, it made Turkey being dependent on imperialism again. However, the working class grew numerically and also qualitatively. On the basis of dependent character of capitalism, domination of small scale production and existance of feudal remnants, monopolisation of one section of bourgeoisie, on one hand sharpened the reactionary tendencies, on the other, broadened the grass roots of anti-imperialist, democratic forces. Under various form of bourgeois dictatorships, suppressed working class and its allies gained rich experiences. Trade union movement strengthened. Struggles of youth and women reached to a massive character. The party founded by Mustafa Suphi, under continuous attacks of reaction; followed the glorious path of struggle. Today it continues to struggle. The ideals of Marxism-Leninism which Mustafa Suphi devoted his life for are disseminated among the masses and becoming an undefeatable force.

III.

Today the humanity witnesses a struggle between two opposite tendencies, a struggle which sharpens unprecedentedly. On one side is the line of the Soviet Union and other socialist countries in defence of peace, on the other, is the line of the US imperialism and NATO chiefs, line of conflicts with socialist countries and armament.

Strengthening of socialism made possible for the first time, to wipe out wars in the life of humanity. As the US imperialism caused more than 100 local wars after the Second World War, socialism became a factor of preventing spread out of local wars for 35 years and break out of a world war. The Soviet Union

and other socialist countries continuously follow the way of consolidation of detente, stopping armament and directing to disarmament, defending the sovereignty and freedom of peoples. Prague Declaration of the Warsaw Treaty countries is the collective programme of socialist countries. It shows the real way of preventing a nuclear war. Comrade Y. Andropov, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the CPSU expresses the constructive peace proposals of the CPSU: "We are for a cooperation among all peoples of the world, a cooperation which is mutually beneficial for all people and for well-being of humanity, with broad content, productive, far away from impositions and interference in internal affairs. The Soviet Union will do whatever in its power, in order to provide secured and peaceful future for new generations. This is the target of our policy and we will not cease from this."

The peace policy of the Soviet Union and other socialist countries is based on objective reasons. Above all, there is no social force which would get benefit from armament. As the enemies of the socialism also point out, socialist countries are forced to armament with the aim of defence and this contradicts with their economic development. Moreover, there does exist before them not an uncertain, hopeless future characterised by crisis, but a future which takes them step by step to communism, the greatest ideal of humanity. They have an undefeatable economy which will secure this future, political and military force and a broad potential. Why this uninterruptedly developing society with full of hopes and progresses day by day should be pushed into a nuclear death? Everybody with right senses sees that socialism does not move away from peace.

In contrary to this, the world capitalism is having its deepest crisis of its history after the Second World War. The US imperialism lost its positions in many parts of the world in last 20 years. Unequal development of imperialist countries deepened the contradictions between themselves. This situation fanned adventuristic tendencies of the most aggressive circles of the imperialism. The US imperialist circles are aiming at to regain their positions which they have lost and re-establish their hegemony over the world by means of mounting armament, sabotaging detente, interfering internal affairs of socialist countries, by impositions onto other imperialist partners and by suppressing the national liberation movements. The essence of imperialism remains unchanged. It still is the source of wars and enmity among peoples.

Today there is no other important thing before the humanity rather than preventing a nuclear war which is caused by the US imperialism and defending peace. Peoples conceive this reality better and better ever other day. A wave of unprecedentedly massive peace movement embraces all capitalist countries. Non-aligned countries are coming against imperialist aggressiveness. The struggle can gain strength on the basis of alliance of all peace forces with the Soviet Union and other socialist countries.

IV.

Mustafa Suphi waged a struggle against pro-Constitutionist monarchist bourgeoisie, militarist Enver Paşa and his partners who followed one of the imperialist groups who aim at divide and share out Otoman Empire, the German imperialism and dragged Turkey into war. This period of history of Turkey is a painful example for how our people was pushed into a war against its will. Turkey, as it was before the First World War, but this time being in the wake of the

US imperialism is confronted by danger of war. Reactionary military generals who took power by September 12 coup, their repression on forces for peace and progress and deep crisis of dependent capitalism increases this danger further more.

Turkey occupies a strategical place in the aggressive policy of the US imperialism. Because of our country's position in the region, plans of the USA in connection with West Europe and Near East can drag a NATO country, Turkey into a war in any moment. Presence of NATO and American bases on our soils, AWACS spying planes and nuclear stores can turn our country into a graveyard in the first hour of a missile war. On the other hand, they want to turn Turkey into a spring-board of the American Rapid Deployment Forces against 19 Near East countries, by newly established American "Central Command". Moreover, Turkish armed forces are being prepared as attacking force for the Persian Gulf. They directly or indirectly are trying to apply a plan of a military block in the Middle East, a block between Israel and reactionary Arab regimes and Turkey. In Aegean region, disagreement between Turkey and Greece is being fanned by provocations of the USA and chauvinists inside the country. Presence of Turkish army in Cyprus makes the island a hot-bed of tensions which can set on fire in the whole region.

The Reagan Administration who conducts hypocritical propaganda on "human rights" and openly interferes in internal affairs of Poland, supports the reactionary military regime in Turkey in order to reach its aims. Turkey is on the top of the list of those countries who receive the highest amount of credits from the USA for armament. Monopolist circles of FRG also gives arms to Turkey.

The reactionary military regime follows a foreign policy which does not suit the national interest of Turkey. The junta renewed the bilateral slavish agreements with the USA under the name of "Defence Cooperation Treaty" for Rapid Deployment Forces. It said "Yes" to nuclear armament plans of NATO. The generals pass over the constructive peace proposals of socialist countries in silence. Turkey is the only country who give no reply to the proposal of Balkans being nuclear free zones. Alongside all these, the junta directs further the national sources of Turkey to arms expenditures.

The danger of war is a reality. Nobody can play with this danger irresponsibly.

It is possible for Turkey to avert the danger of war. Balance of forces in the world is suitable for Turkey to make a contribution also to the efforts of defending peace. Giving positive reply to the constructive peace proposals of socialist countries and taking concrete steps along this way means to save the future of Turkey. It can be reached to this aim only by the unity of broad forces for peace and through their active actions. Prevention of Turkey being dragged into adventures and annihilation under the pressure of imperialism, being a shock force of imperialism against peoples of the Middle East is at the focus of all social economic and political struggles. The CPT do not separate the struggle for peace from the struggle for national liberation, for relieving Turkey from the repressive regime of the generals and pushing back onslaught of domestic and foreign monopolies onto living conditions of working people.

The pro-imperialist policy of the junta antagonistically contradicts with demands of the working class, toiling people and the middle strata for transition to democracy and for social and economic rights. The junta who tramples on the national interests and follows an anti-popular policy is afraid of the

resistance of masses. For this reason, it tore away the 1961 Constitution and by basing itself on the new constitution it established a militarist-police state in the country and it continues to direct its attacks against progressive forces.

In spite of all repression, grass roots of the forces who oppose American Rapid Deployment Forces and danger of war broadens. Reaction against arrests and tortures grows. Demands for general amnesty, freedom for trade union activities and freedom for organisation and for press broadens. Discontent of broad sections of the people against the January 24 policy of the junta, the policy of bankruptcy increases.

In the face of all these reaction, the junta tries to calm down the masses by allegations of being "multi-sided" in its foreign policy, "transition to democracy" in internal policy and "improvement of January 24 decisions" in the economic policy. But, there is no change in the policy of the junta. Repression of generals is accompanied by their efforts to prevent unity of broad forces for peace, democracy and progress.

The CPT puts forefront the task of protecting Turkey from the danger of a war, achieving social-economic rights of working people, formation of the united front of all national democratic forces for a real transition into democracy and for a democracy which is for the people. Communists, left forces, pro-Atatürkists, national islamic movement, Kurdish national movement, in order to prevent Turkey falling down into the abyss of war, without losing time should unite and struggle.

We, the communists are concerned about present situation. Today, even under the conditions of barbarous repression, we do not lose our cold-bloodedness and speak out with feeling of deep responsibility.

Let us do not disintegrate the forces! Let us all together start actions for defence of peace! Whoever is for democracy, for job, bread and land, join the peace movement! For a bright future of the youth, for realisation of equal rights for women, for the rights of teachers, civil servants and technical staff, join the peace movement!

The day when all branches of popular movement, trade unions, cooperatives, youth, women are united for to combine their specific aims with the aim protection of peace, the day when all patriotic democratic organisations and parties, movements, from the election campaign of the junta, to the press under repression working for this aim in the mass movement, it will not be difficult to twist the arm of the US imperialism. This struggle will pave the way for national independence and getting out of economic crisis.

The main ideological weapon of imperialism against forces of peace and progress is anti-communism. Today, it is not accidental that nuclear maniacs at same time are the noisy advertisers of militant anti-communism. They are trying to justify the attempts of torpedoing armament and detente with the lies of "Soviet threat". This new "Crusade" of Reagan against communists is the organic part of their missile war preparations against humanity.

Today under the conditions in which this new anti-communist onslaught has been raised up, necessary lessons should be extracted from killing of Mustafa Suphi and other 14 communists on January 28-29, 1921. The Black Sea crime had been committed with the aim of torpedoing the meeting of Turkish Soviet Friendship and Fraternity Agreement, breaking the good relations between Turkey and the Soviet Union, disintegrating the national democratic forces in order to prevent national liberation struggle to be directed towards deep rooted de-

mocratic revolutionary transformations.

This first barbarous anti-communist attack of the history of Turkish Republic objectively was only for the benefit of imperialism and domestic reaction who were hostile to the national liberation struggle. They could not reach their main aim, the aim of torpedoing the cooperation between Turkey and the Soviet Union. Our people carried out the national liberation struggle to the victory, by basing itself on the Turkish-Soviet alliance whose foundation was laid by Lenin and Atatürk and it was supported by the Communist Party of Turkey under the leadership of Mustafa Suphi. The national liberation struggle however did not extend to the democratic revolution, it could not give an end of being landless and national suppression. The working class have been prevented from having its political and trade union rights. This dragged the country into the long and painful path of capitalist development. It left out our people in face with tasks of hard struggles. It provided an objective, historical basis for our country to fall into deep crisis in every field. The history shows our people through painful experiences that what a big imperialist trap is anti-communism and anti-Sovietism for independence and well-being of peoples.

Today anti-communism and anti-Sovietism still serves for similar aims.

Collaborating monopolist bourgeoisie for years tries to justify Turkey being tied to NATO and domination of the US imperialism with the lie of "Soviet threat". This slander is based on distort of the history of Turkish-Soviet relations in an anti-communist way. Friendly position of the Soviet Union towards Turkey in our national liberation struggle, its policy of good neighbourhood, cooperation and peaceful co-existence has not been changed in any period of history. The "file of crimes" of the Turkish collaborating monopolist bourgeoisie is very large as against empty and made-up allegations by anti-communist propagators which have never been proved.

In the first years of the second World War, the Turkish government was in confusion between English and French imperialism and the German fascism and gradually leaned towards collaboration with Hitlerites. It used the economic potential of the country to feed the German Army. If the victory of Stalingrad was not realised this year's 40. anniversary- the Turkish collaborating bourgeoisie would not hesitate to drag our country into the war on the ranks of Hitler's Germany against the Soviet Union. Right after the war, Bayar-Menderes government being encouraged by the superiority of the USA in nuclear weapons and for the sake of dollars drew the army into People's Democratic Republic of Korea, without botting an eyelid. In 1958, the same government assisted the US attacks against Lebanon which is being barbarously crushed by Israel Zionism today. Incirlik base which is to be opened for use of 'Rapid Deployment Forces' today, that time was used for the aim of attack against Arab peoples. In 1960, the Turkish government harboured the American U-2 spying planes against the Soviet Union and for that reason our relations with the Soviet Union were strained. Again in the same period of time, Deployment of American Jupiter missiles in our soil during the the crisis due to attempts of the USA to attack Cuba, brought face to face our country with the possibility of a nuclear annihilation.

Today occupation of Cyprus is being based on increasingly anti-communist and anti-Soviet reasons and the collaborating monopolist bourgeoisie plays a big role in the plans of making Cyprus as a NATO base.

The lie of 'Soviet threat' is not sufficient to gloss over these crimes commit-

ted against the neighbouring peoples by the domestic reaction, for the interests of the US imperialism.

Anti-communism and anti-Sovietism aims at to justify the onslaught against progressive forces and the peace movement, its steps in the wake of the US imperialism and its efforts of armament. Another target which they want to reach with this is to divide the peace forces.

The CPT struggles also against the initiatives of presenting the danger of a nuclear war as the equal responsibility of "two super powers" which means defending the lie of "Soviet threat" from a different position, the lie which is disseminated by the militant anti-communism. This allegation only hides the one and only responsible of the war.

The CPT calls upon all forces for peace and democracy to come against the ideological anti-communist attack of the reaction. If the barrel of the anti-Communism is directed towards the socialist countries, its butt beats the shoulder of working people everyday.

V.

Mustafa Suphi united the dispersed communist groups under the roof of the party, on September 10, 1920, on the basis of Marxism-Leninism and the proletarian internationalism. The CPT is the biggest and the most valuable work of the working class. The CPT was founded in the flames of our national liberation struggle through the direct influence of Great October Revolution. It was tempered in the struggles of the working class and the people for peace, national independence, democracy and progress for more than half a century.

Today again, the CPT closely links its international and national responsibilities, bravely struggles at the forefront of the fight of the masses who are suppressed under unprecedented repression and it leads them.

The tasks of consolidation of the Leninist unity of the party healing the wounds, protecting the cadres and making a new leap is standing before the party. The party of Mustafa Suphi is strong enough to fulfil the task of solution of political, organisational and ideological problems.

In the year of 100. birthday anniversary of Mustafa Suphi, forward for a new leap!

JUNTA STYLE DEMOCRACY

*** In DİSK trial, while cross-examinations continued in last month, number of "accused" in the trial has increased by addition of 3 more DİSK leaders and totally it became 75 persons. Military prosecutor demands death penalties for 65 of arrested DİSK leaders and members. At the same time, legal proceedings against many trade unions which were affiliated to DİSK follows one after another and their leaders are being arrested. From 6 to 20 years of imprisonments have been demanded for the leaders of Aster-İş and Lastik-İş. Legal proceedings against 27 leaders of Keramik-İş has also started in the Military Court of İstanbul Martial Law Command. A trial against 39 leaders of Genel-İş has also began in İstanbul.

***In the trial which is carried on in the military court of Ankara Martial Law Command, against leaders of Köy-Koop (Rural Cooperatives Union), with the accusations of "conducting its activities in line with the CPT" chairman of Köy-Koop, Nedim Tarhan and its other 3 leaders were sentenced to 8 years of imprisonment and the rest, to 5 years of imprisonments.

***Trial against 18 leaders and members of Writers' Union of Turkey continues in Military court of İstanbul Martial Law Command. Ataul Behramoğlu, a well-known poet, who has lately recieved Lotus Literary Prize, in his cross-examination by accusations in connection with organisation of meetings and nights for Nazım Hikmet said: "By commemorating him, we showed our love and respect to personality of this universally known poet." Alpay Kabacalı defended that it could not be counted as crime to take part in May Day demonstrations as it was legal that time. Orhan Apaydın, Chairman of the İstanbul Bar Association who is being tried in the same trial said "Either we accept it or not, Nazım Hikmet is a poet who is well known all over the world and his poems were translated into many languages."

***Repression and persecutions of the junta administration against the press and journalists continue. Oktay Akbal, a columnist in daily Cumhuriyet has been sentenced to 3 months of imprisonment for one of his articles. Nadir Nadi, owner and the head columnist and Okay Gönensin, the editor-in-chief of the same paper, are also being tried in relation with the article of Nadir Nadi which was written on August 13, 1961 and republished in this month. Demanded imprisonments for Nadir Nadi is 5 years and for Okay Gönensin is 6 years.

***The junta administration has directed its onslaught also against academicians, proffesors and scientists in higher education institutions. In this month, many university lecturers were dismissed by the martial law authorities with the reason of "being harmful". While the number of dismissals increases day by day, large number of professors and academic personnel give their resignation as a sign of protest of arbitrary applications of Higher Education Council.

Among them are well-known professors, valuable scientists and doctors. Due to these dismissals, education and research work in the universities is almost paralysed. While the junta appoints rectors and deans who have been known as pro-Nationalist Action Party and close friends of A.Türkeş the leader of this party at the same time it tries to look for lecturers from foreign countries by offering extraordinarily high salaries. All these cause discontent and sharp protest among the academic personnel in the universities and also among the higher education youth.

*** 18 youngsters were being tried with the accusation of starting a campaign of "No to the Constitution" in accordance with the call of the CPT. 6 years of imprisonments for each of them has been demanded by the military prosecutor.

*** Military prosecutor demands imprisonments of 5-20 years for 35 members of the Workers' Party of Turkey (TIP). Number of TIP members who are on trial is now about 170

*** A trial has started against Işık Yenersu, an artist with the accusation of her reading poems from Nazım Hikmet in a meeting organised in France and by reading these poems insulting the Republic. 7 years of imprisonment was demanded for her.

Not only arrests, persecutions and repression of the junta are the proof of its not permitting even a smallest democratic right under the pretext of "transition to democracy". In parallel, the junta administration is in preparation of new repressive laws. The new draft on trade unions and collective bargaining, while at the first day wellcomed by the big businessmen and the Chairman of the Confederation of Employers Union of Turkey, Halit Narin, saying that "the aim of these new laws is to maintain peace at work. This does not mean to limit the rights of the employers or unrestricted broadening of the rights of the employees."

If we examine the code on trade unions and collective bargaining, we can see the real aim of the junta. According to the new code, it is necessary to be a worker at least for 10 years in order to be a leader in any of the trade unions. Therefore, rights of many trade unionists to carry out their duty was abolished. Strikes of political aims, solidarity strikes, general strike, occupation of the working place, slowing down the work and all actions of workers such kind were abolished.

According to the new code, to be elected as a trade unionist more than three times have been prevented. So that, instead of influential and experienced trade unionists, young and inexperienced cadres will be in administrative bodies in the trade unions. Trade unions are prevented from organising meetings on topics which is considered as "outside of their area of activities". As the trade union dues will not exceed one percent of the wages, for a strike of one month, a worker has to pay his dues for years. Moreover, if trade union leaders commit an "ideological crime", the trade union or confederation is banned by the penal

court. The provision in relation with prohibition of trade unions to be affiliated to international organisations says, membership is only possible with the permission of the government. So that, the new code tries to put obstacles before the international solidarity of the working class.

Provisions on collective bargaining says, it is necessary to have ten percent membership of the whole branch concerned or fifty-one percent of the work place in order to have the right to sit for collective bargaining. Other limitations of right to strike are ban on workers being in the work place and control the exists during the strike, ban on activities for publicizing the strike such as using banners and other written material.

As it can easily be understood, these codes in regard with working life, aims at reducing the power of the trade unions and putting them under the control of governments and making trade unions as organisations which can only sit for collective bargaining. The junta administration aims to leave alone the working class with no arms against the capital.

The draft law of the junta on political parties show that the junta will not allow any party, even a conservative one to be established independent of himself. New law on political parties restricts freely organisation of political parties. Above all, it brings for the working class and toiling people, all progressive forces a "ban on political activities". It is strictly banned for all parties to establish any relations with trade unions and with other mass organisations, to set up women and youth sections. Draft on political parties, while it restricts the effectiveness of the leadership and other bodies of the parties, it further increases the influence of the President. Moreover, it consists of provisions prohibiting to be a member of a political party for higher education and army personnel, university students and civil servants, for those who are below the age of 21. New law brings prohibition for the activities of the parties in direction to their expression and defense of the democratic and trade union rights of workers and toiling people.

Political activities with their own programmes of all progressive and left trends, Republican People's Party, patriotic pro-Atatürkists and National Salvation Party were banned by this law.

Atılım, the organ of the CC of the CPT, in its March 1983 edition, under the heading of "let us thwart this manoeuvre of the junta" writes: "Now the aim of the junta is to form a reactionary, rightist party which is bound to him, with the help of bayonets, make this party to win in the elections and so that to complete its manoeuvre of "transition to democracy". The generals of the junta, as they approve anti-peace plans which were put forward one after another by the Reagan Administration feel very much uncomfortable. They are frightened by rapidly deepening social crisis and still non-cured state of the economic crisis. Even a smallest contradiction appears between Evren and a political party, who will be the winner of the elections will be a big chasm in the military-police state. They know this very well... There is a great protest among the people against the new codes and increasing repression of the junta. Today it becomes more clear that the junta has no intention for transition to democracy and give the right to the people to speak. "Same article underlines that "The manoeuvre of the junta can be spoiled only if the people express their aspiration for democracy louder and in a more organised way, by uniting all forces, if it proves through its actions that it is persistent about its demands... If all progressive forces whom are tried to be cleared off from the political arena by the junta, the path of a real transition to democracy can be opened".

TO THE KURDISH PEOPLE'S HAUSES

Dear Friends, Brothers,

The Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkey sends its revolutionary greetings to this meeting which is organised on the occasion of Nevroz tradition, such tradition of Kurdish nation which pierced through centuries. The communists, while kindling the flame of Nevroz with beacon of freedom, struggle with confidence, consciousness and decisiveness that one day bloody repression, chain of bans and brutal assimilation policy will definitely be ended.

Brothers,

This year we celebrate Nevroz under the conditions in which the immediate task of giving a reply to the question of war or peace, in line with the interests of all peoples and in the way of preserving peace. The Reagan Administration and heads of NATO started a "Crusade" against all forces in the world who are for peace, democracy, for national and social liberation, against the bastion of peace and social progress, the Soviet Union and other socialist countries. It follows a policy of dragging the whole humanity into a nuclear war, with the aim of establishing its hegemony in the world, to obtaining military superiority and try to turn back the wheel of history. Today, a struggle against deployment of nuclear missiles in Western Europe means struggling for the future of all mankind. The US imperialism makes efforts for using Turkey as the base of attack against the Soviet Union and other socialist countries and giving the role of gendarme to Turkey against all peoples who raise for national and social liberation in the Near and the Middle East. New bases have been established in Kurdistan, almost in every corner of our land. They want to deploy Pershing-2 missiles and American Rapid Deployment forces in these bases. For that reason, today it is more vital than ever, to unite in order to be able to lit the flames of Nevroz every year and to defend the right of peoples to live.

Today, the generals of the junta who became the hammer of the US imperialism, collaborating monopolist bourgeoisie and big landlords heavily attack the political organisations and trade unions of the working class, forces of peace, democracy and national independence. All sorts of economic, democratic, political and social rights of the working class of Turkey were seized by force. Heavy repression in Kurdistan, massive arrests, coward tortures which tramples on the honour of man, executions, and crimes continue. The generals of the junta who impose the economic policy of January 24 with the help of bayonets and follow a policy in the wake of the US administration strengthened the chain of repression on the Kurdish nation. Now speaking, writing, publicizing in Kurdish language is being heavily punished. Punishments for those who raise the struggle for equal rights and freedom of Kurdish people were multiplied. For that reason, it is vital for all of us to unite for equal rights of Kurdish people.

Friends,

This year Nevroz is being celebrated in the days when the 100. death and 165. birth anniversary of Karl Marx who showed the way of liberation of the working class of the whole world and of all oppressed nations. Marx showed us this way: "The victory of the proletariat over the bourgeoisie is the liberation signal for all oppressed people". Our neighbour, the Soviet Union followed the path shown by Marx. The Leninist policy which is based on the right of self-determination and voluntary unification of people and nations has transformed the prison of peoples into the country of freedom of peoples. After 60 years, achievements of the Soviet people in the Soviet Union which consists of 116 nations and 270 different peoples is the source of strength and aspiration for the working class and for oppressed nations of the world.

The Communist Party of Turkey sharply opposes the repression directed to the Kurdish

people, and all kinds of assimilation policy. Our party defends the right of self-determination of Kurdish people. At the present stage, the way which takes to the solution of national question passes through regional autonomy. Our party carries a persistent struggle against all kinds of chauvinism. The CPT tries to make approved by the broadest forces the principle of "a nation who oppresses others can never be free."

This year Nevroz is being celebrated in the 100. birthday anniversary of Mustafa Suphi, founder and the first Chairman of our party. He mapped out for us, for the working class of Turkey, for Turkish and Kurdish people the path of common struggle and unity against reaction, brutality exploitation and imperialism.

Dear Friends,

Even under the hardest conditions, Kurdish people show their decisiveness, for happy and free days, for making their own future and to struggle against today's DEHAKs. Despite of land lords like Mahmut Kepoğlu, who hid himself behind the terror of the troops of the junta and rejected the existence of Kurdish nation, made a call for "yes to the constitution", very powerful voice arose against the constitution of the junta in the Kurdistan of Turkey.

The Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkey believes that this tradition which symbolises the demand of Kurdish people for equal rights and freedom becomes a consolidating factor of the unity in the struggle of the working class of Turkey, toiling people, for safeguarding the future of our country and of people and establishing a totally new society.

Long live the struggle of Kurdish and Turkish people for peace, democracy and social liberation!

Long live brotherhood-in-struggle of peoples against imperialism!

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